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In re Application of
KUKINO *et al*
Application No.: 10/584,515
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For: CERAMIC HEATER AND METHOD
FOR MAKING THE SAME

DECISION

This decision is in response to the papers filed 11 April 2008 which are treated as a renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the name of an inventor.

BACKGROUND

On 14 February 2008, a decision dismissing applicants' petition to change the name of an inventor was mailed. Applicants were given two months to respond with extensions of time available pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a).

On 11 April 2008, applicants filed a request for reconsideration of the prior decision which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, Appendix A - D.

DISCUSSION

As previously discussed, applicants filed a declaration on 15 May 2007 naming the second inventor as Hideaki YOSHIDOME. However, the second inventor was listed as Hideaki SHIMOZURU on the international publication. As such, the declaration was not accepted.

On 25 October 2007, applicants filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to change the name of the inventor to Hideaki YOSHIDOME. This petition was dismissed as the explanation given for the change in name required further explanation. In the petition, applicants submitted a declaration by the second inventor who claimed that "[a]s a child I was adopted into the Shimozuru family. At that time my name was Hideaki Shimozuru. In April 2005, the adoption was dissolved. I am presently using my primary family last name which is Yoshidome."

In the renewed petition, applicants have satisfactorily explained the procedure whereby the name of the second inventor's surname has been changed to YOSHIDOME. Applicants explained that Japan Civil Code Article 811 allows persons to dissolve the adoptive relationship and resume using his original surname. An English language translation of this article was provided. Applicants also provided sufficient evidence that the second inventor was born as Hideaki YOSHIDOME. An English language translation of the individual entry was provided.

This is sufficient for a grantable petition.

CONCLUSION

For the reason discussed above, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.182 is hereby **GRANTED**.

The declaration filed 15 May 2007 is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. § 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 22 December 2004, under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371 date of 15 May 2007.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.



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